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### **\$5,000 Settlement Reached with Palo Alto Unified School District.**

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced a \$5,000 settlement with the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) for hazardous waste violations at Fairmeadow Elementary School, located at 500 East Meadow Drive in Palo Alto. PAUSD is a hazardous waste generator.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order), the school district will pay \$5,000 to DTSC. As part of the settlement, the penalty will be waived if PAUSD sends three employees to the California Compliance School and provides certificates of satisfactory completion within 180 days. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

The settlement stems from hazardous waste violations found by DTSC inspectors at Fairmeadow Elementary School during an investigation in June 2004. PAUSD was cited for:

- giving hazardous waste to a transporter without providing a manifest;
- failing to accurately complete a manifest;
- failing to label a container of hazardous waste; and
- failing to possess an EPA identification number as a hazardous waste generator.

The school district has corrected all violations noted in the DTSC Order.

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